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SUBJECT: LTP – WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM (WHIP).

Purpose. To distribute information relative to FY 2008 WHIP.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

Congress enacted an extension of the 2002 Farm Bill until March 15, 2008, and we anticipate receiving an allocation for FY 2008 in the near future. Therefore, we are releasing the following in anticipation of funding applications:

1. CPM Amendment MN-60: FY 2008 “Program Provisions, Conservation Practice Payment Schedule and Practice Requirements,” formerly known as the Program Docket.
2. Toolkit cost list has been distributed to field offices.
3. Ranking tool - The ranking tool is unchanged from FY 07 and instructions are included in CPM Amendment MN-60.

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. Applications will be approved based on the applicable ranking tool score unless otherwise approved by the State Conservationist. The appropriate Assistant State Conservationist (FO) will determine how their area applications will be approved and at their discretion, may make county allocations in Protracts.

Area allocations are yet to be determined and will be announced in a future bulletin

Direct questions you may have regarding the 2008 WHIP program guidance to Mark Oja, State Biologist.

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